1	2
Delhi	111
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	—
Daman and Diu	—
Goa	02
Gujarat	252
Himachal Pradesh	03
Haryana	375
Jharkhand	02
Jammu and Kashmir	—
Kerala	186
Karnataka	276
Lakshadweep	—
Meghalaya	—
Maharashtra	586
Manipur	—
Mizoram	—
Madhya Pradesh	26
Nagaland	—
Orissa	04
Punjab	316
Pondicherry	07
Rajasthan	159
Sikkim	—
Tamil Nadu	157
Tripura	01
Uttar Pradesh	548
Uttaranchal	07
West Beneal	25

Promotion of fishery industries in Andaman and NLcobar Islands

3998. SHRI RUDRANARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of food processing industries established in Andaman and Nicobar islands to promote fishery industries;

(b) the present status thereof;

(c) whether any proposal for setting up of new industries is under-consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Ministry of Foodirrofcessing

Industries (MFPI) provides financial assistance for establishment/modernisation/technology upgradation of food processing industries, including fishery units, in the form of grant of 25% of the plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas and 33.33% upto Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikim, North Eastern States, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP areas. Food Processing Industries are both in organised and unorganised sectors and as such the data on the number of food processing industries established in the country, including that in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, is not centrally maintained. However, no proposal has been received from Andaman and Nicobar islands for financial assistance from MFPI for fishery units.

Setting up of mega food parks in NER

3999. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to set up mega food parks in North Eastern region, with a view to connect the farmers, investors, industries and the markets;

(b if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such hubs are also proposed to be set up in other regions of the country, especially in the backward ones of Bihar, Orissa, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, etc. to improve the economy of the farmers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (d) Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MFPI) has developed a scheme for providing financial assistance for establishment of mega food parks, which envisages a well-defined agri/horticultural-processing zone containing State of the art processing facilities with support infrastructure and well established supply chain. The scheme aims to provide a mechanism to bring together farmers, processors and retailers and link agricultural production to the market so as to ensure maximization of value addition, minimization of wastages and improving farmers' income. The primaiy objective of the scheme is to facilitate establishment of an integrated value chain, with processing at the core and supported by requisite backward and forward linkages. The ownership and management of the Mega Food Park would vest with a Special Purpose Vehicle (SVP) in which organized retailers, processors, service providers, farmers etc. may be the equity holders or there may be an anchor investor along with its ancillaries, associated companies and others stakeholders. The Government agencies may also be shareholders in SPV upto a maximum of 49%.

The scheme is project oriented. The locations of the Mega Food Parks have to be selected on a demand driven, cluster-based approach with delineated supply chain and well supported by pre-feasibility studies. Mega Food Parks can be established for any sector on need and viability basis such as fruit and vegetables, dairy, meat and poultry etc. or it can also have a combination of fruits and vegetables, dairy, meat and poultry etc., the decision on which will be taken by the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV).

The scheme intends to incentivise the private sector investment in creating food processing infrastructure in a big way. Accordingly, the Scheme envisages financial assistance in the